

BARGAINS IN HUSBANDS

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The little kitchen was redolent of freshly baked cake, and stout Mrs. Pickens, hurrying through the remnant of the week's ironing, looked flushed and heated.

"Soap club or no Soap club, I got to get Miss Ransom's things done," she muttered. "She'll be after 'em today sure, for I suspicion she ain't got many changes. I declare," she added, pitifully, as she surveyed the fine, lace-trimmed garment on the ironing board, "it makes me feel bad to see how careful she's patched an' mended 'em. Ev'ry dud she's got is most fallin' to pieces, but I expect she ain't got the money to buy new ones. I ain't a mite surprised. I read one o' her stories once an' it was awful dull to my thinkin'." I wish to the land she was smart enough to write a real good one like 'St. Elmo' or 'Tena Rivers'. She looks half-starved. If I wasn't afraid I'd take it as an insult I'd ask her to stay to the meetin' of the Soap club. I'm goin' to have a good supper, if I do say so, an' I worked in one o' them cheap boardin' houses once an' I know what they be. An' to think that her folks used to be as rich as mud! I met the old judge jest a little while before his death steppin' out as if he owned the earth—well, this is a queer world! Goodness gracious me—there's Miss Ransom now, ridin' in an automobile! It's stopped an' she's comin' in!"

Hastily setting down her fatiron, she ran to the door and admitted a slim, pale girl dressed in shabby mourning, ejaculating as she did so: "Well, if I ain't surprised to see you ridin' in an automobile! Miss Ransom! Come right in—your things is jest ready, an' while I'm doing 'em up, I want you should look at the new premiums I got since you was here last."

Glad to postpone, even for a few moments, the irrevocable step to which she had just pledged herself, Elmore followed her hostess into a room where a table was laid with a brave array of plated silver and a set of china decorated with flaming red poppies.

"It's my day to entertain our Soap club," Mrs. Pickens explained. "Ten of us ladies clubs together an' buy our soap o' Lally, an' the we takes turns drawin' for the premiums. He gives elegant ones, jest elegant! I got all that silver an' that chiny set an' that plecter frame for my share. Ain't that frame complete? Pickens thought I'd ought to put his plecter in jested o' Tim's, but Pickens is home-ly enough to scare the cat, an' Tim was a real good-lookin' feller, don't you think so, Miss Ransom?"

The large colored photograph in the flamboyant gilt frame was the portrait of a pleasant-faced young workman, and in spite of the crude coloring, the "diked-down" hair, and the stiff attitude of one oppressed by his "Sunday clothes" Elmore was able to respond cordially: "Yes, indeed, I do, Mrs. Pickens."

"But I dunno's I ought to find fault with Pickens' looks when all is said an' done. I was awful lonesome after I lost my first," Mrs. Pickens said. "An' it ain't long before I found out that there's a mighty sight o' difference between washin' for pleasure as one may say, jest to git yourself some extra tryin', an' in bendin' over a wash-tub day in an' day out tryin' to keep body an' soul together. So when I come across an advertisement, one day, tellin' about a place where you can buy a husband by payin' down ten dollars cash in advance I made up my mind I'd try my luck."

"Why, Mrs. Pickens, the ideal!" Elmore gasped. "The very ideal!"

"It did seem like buyin' a pig in a poke," Mrs. Pickens admitted. "But I knew 'twas real ten dollars or earn my own livin' so far as I was concerned, for Tim had been dead most a year an' their hadn't hide no hair of a man come shyn' round."

"I got Miss Jones that lives next door to go with me," she continued, "for I ain't one of your reckless kind an' I'd read in the newspapers how women is sometimes told off an' murdered. But land, I needn't 'a' been asked, for the man that runs the place—a marriage broker, he called himself—was as pleasant as a feather as ever I see. He said he was certain be could suit me, but the way he brought out from the back room was as godforsaken a lookin' specimen as I ever set eyes on."

"You needn't think I'm goin' to take up with such a poor excuse for a man as that," I says to him. "My sakes, I says, 'do you think I'm lookin' for somebody else to support besides myself?'"

"He's all I got on hand jest now, ma'am, the broker says, kind of un-ent an' persuasive. But there's more to this one than appears on the surface—you can't always judge by a fella's looks how far she can jump."

"I can," I says pretty sharp. "I can all ev'ry time, an' that there feller would never in kingdom come earn his own eat, let alone mine."

"At that I marched right out of the room an' down the stairs an' the broker followed me most a block sayin' he felt sorry it happened so, but he'd come again in a week he'd have a bigger stock for me to select from."

"First I was so mad at his tryin' to work of a damaged piece of goods like that on me that I thought I wouldn't go next no high him, but ten dollars laid in advance is a lot o' money to

throw away for nothin' and when Saturday came round I went back.

"I had my pick of more'n a dozen that time, but I didn't have no difficulty in makin' a choice for, if I do say it, I'm a pretty good judge o' men."

"Be careful, Miss Ransom, don't step off that coast! Hobo don't let nobody but me touch it. Tim was a track walker," she explained in response to Elmore's inquiring look, "an' he got killed pullin' Hobo out from under the wheels of an engine. You never see a dog take on the way that one did. He was jest wild till I gave him that old brown coat o' Tim's to lay on."

"Oh, the dear, faithful little fellow!" the girl cried. "Oh, Mrs. Pickens, when I see how loyal, how true to their best instincts, I dumb brute can be it makes me ashamed of myself and my kin."

Mrs. Pickens looked puzzled and a trifle puzzled. "Well, I dunno," she said slowly. "It seems as if it would show more sense if Hobo'd stay with some of them fellers that treat him so well instead o' comin' back here to be kicked round by Pickens when he gets drunk, jest for the sake of lyin' on that old coat."

"Why, Mrs. Pickens, you don't mean to tell me that Mr. Pickens gets— that he drinks!" exclaimed Elmore. "Then you can't be such a good judge of men after all."

"I don't know why not," Mrs. Pickens retorted. "Pickens is a money-maker an' that's what I was lookin' for. Them politicians says he's the man for their money, that he can deliver the goods. Pickens may git drunk once in a while, an' he may not be what you'd call honest, but for my part I call Pickens a good bargain."

"But your first husband must have been so different," Elmore faltered, glancing at the portrait above her head. "He looks so kind and honest."

"He was," Mrs. Pickens confessed, a wistful shadow creeping over her complacent red face. "Pickens makes a sight most money, for Tim wa'n't practical—you'd know that by his losin' his own life tryin' to save a dog's."

There was a determined tilt to Elmore Ransom's softly rounded chin as she went down the steps of the tenement house a moment later. A man twice her age with tall-tale lines about his mouth and pouches under his watery gray eyes, hurriedly advanced to meet her, tossing away as he did so apologetically, black cigar.

"Here you are at last," he said. "What the devil are you carrying that bundle for? I told you to pay the woman what you owed her and say good-bye to her since you insisted upon it, but your things aren't worth botherin' with. You've been down on your luck so long that your clothes are about all in. But we'll fix all that, little girl," he added graciously, his frown relaxing into a jovial manner that was even more unpleasant than his anger. "There'll be plenty of time, after we have been to the minister, to drive to one of the department stores and fit you out to be a credit to me before our train leaves."

"I'm not going with you, Mr. Archer—I can't marry you," the girl said. "I suppose you want a little more coaxing," he said sullenly, "but my girl, you've kept me dangling after you long enough!" he exploded, laying a heavy hand on her arm. "Come with me now, Elmore, and for the rest of your life you will get the fine clothes, and the jewels and the petting that every pretty woman wants, but I'll never give you another chance to make a fool of me—once for all, it is yes or no!"

"It is no!—no!—no!" Elmore cried, pulling away from the touch of his hands. He turned away and left her with a muttered curse, but Elmore Ransom, trudging along the hot pavement inhaling the dust and odor left in the trail of the big car, felt curiously light-hearted. Turning the corner she almost ran into a shabby, broad-shouldered young man, whose whole face glowed at the sight of the slim girl with the big bundle.

"Let me carry that for you, Miss Ransom," he said, falling into step at her side. "All my luck is coming to me at once—I thought I wouldn't be able to see you before this evening, and I could hardly wait to tell you that I'd got a start at last. I—you must have seen that I loved you, dear," the young fellow went on, his voice shaking with the force of long pent-up passion; "but I thought it was only fair to stand aside and let Archer, who could offer you a life of ease and luxury, win you if he could."

Elmore looked up quickly and saw in the dark eyes that met hers the same expression she had seen in the faded portrait of poor Tim Ryan—the look of a man unbought.

"But at last I've got my chance," John Talbot said jubilantly. "I can't offer you much except my love and a very modest little flat, but I'm going to make good. I'm sure of it now—tell me, Elmore—dearest—do you like me well enough to risk marrying me tomorrow?"

"I don't consider it a risk, John, dear," the girl said demurely, a delicious dimple lurking in the corner of her lovely mouth. "But O, John! John!" she whispered suddenly, changing her arm in the shock of realization of her narrow escape from lifelong misery. "Just suppose I hadn't stopped at Mrs. Pickens and learned from her what a bargain in husbands really is!"

Like some kind. "The young bride across the way treats her husband like a dog."

"And she only a bride! How I pity him!"

"You needn't. She's always feedin' and coaxin' him."

NOTICE.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted at a meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Bloomfield, Essex County, New Jersey, held on the 6th day of May, 1912:

Whereas it is in the interest of the Town of Bloomfield, in the County of Essex and State of New Jersey, that a concrete sidewalk and gutter be constructed on both sides of Delaware avenue, between Grace street and Ella street, hereinafter more particularly described;

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Town Council of the Town of Bloomfield, in the County of Essex and State of New Jersey, that it is in the interest of said town to have a concrete sidewalk and gutter be constructed on both sides of Delaware avenue, between Grace street and Ella street, in the said Town of Bloomfield;

Beginning in Delaware avenue at the westerly curb line of Ella street, thence running along Delaware avenue in a southeasterly direction three hundred and seventy (370) feet, more or less, to the easterly curb line of Grace street and ending there;

The above described concrete sidewalk to be constructed on the southerly side of Delaware avenue, and gutter to be constructed on both sides of Delaware avenue;

Notice is hereby given that objections in writing to the above resolutions or to the said proposed improvement shall be filed with the Town Clerk on or before Monday, June 3, 1912, on which date the Town Council of the Town of Bloomfield will meet at 8 o'clock P. M. in the Council Chamber, National Bank Building, Bloomfield, Essex County, New Jersey, to consider any such objections that may be filed as aforesaid.

By order of the Town Council.

RAYMOND F. DAVIS, Town Clerk. 5-15-12 6-1

NOTICE.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted at a meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Bloomfield, Essex County, New Jersey, held on the 6th day of May, 1912:

Whereas it is in the interest of the Town of Bloomfield, in the County of Essex and State of New Jersey, that a concrete sidewalk and gutter be constructed in Washington street, between Franklin street and Thomas street, hereinafter more particularly described;

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Town Council of the Town of Bloomfield, in the County of Essex and State of New Jersey, that it is in the interest of said town to have a concrete sidewalk and gutter be constructed in Washington street, between Franklin street and Thomas street, in the said Town of Bloomfield;

Beginning in Washington street at the westerly curb line of Franklin street, thence running along Washington street in a westerly direction two hundred and thirty (230) feet, more or less, to the easterly curb line of Thomas street and ending there;

The above described pavement to be the entire width of the roadway, or from curb to curb, and to be laid on a 4-inch concrete base. Notice is hereby given that objections in writing to the above resolution or to the said proposed improvement shall be filed with the Town Clerk on or before Monday, June 3, 1912, on which date the Town Council of the Town of Bloomfield will meet at 8 o'clock P. M. in the Council Chamber, National Bank Building, Bloomfield, Essex County, New Jersey, to consider any such objections that may be filed as aforesaid.

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Whereas it is in the interest of the Town of Bloomfield, in the County of Essex and State of New Jersey, that a concrete sidewalk and gutter be constructed in Orange street, between Dodd street and Cross street, hereinafter more particularly described;

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Town Council of the Town of Bloomfield, in the County of Essex and State of New Jersey, that it is in the interest of said town to have a concrete sidewalk and gutter be constructed in Orange street, between Dodd street and Cross street, in the said Town of Bloomfield;

Beginning in Orange street at the northerly curb line of Cross street, thence running along Orange street in a southeasterly direction six hundred (600) feet, more or less, to the easterly curb line of Dodd street and ending there;

The above described pavement to be the entire width of the roadway, or from curb to curb, and to be laid on a 4-inch concrete base. Notice is hereby given that objections in writing to the above resolution or to the said proposed improvement shall be filed with the Town Clerk on or before Monday, June 3, 1912, on which date the Town Council of the Town of Bloomfield will meet at 8 o'clock P. M. in the Council Chamber, National Bank Building, Bloomfield, Essex County, New Jersey, to consider any such objections that may be filed as aforesaid.

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Whereas it is in the interest of the Town of Bloomfield, in the County of Essex and State of New Jersey, that a concrete sidewalk and gutter be constructed on both sides of Grace street, between Delaware avenue and hereinafter more particularly described;

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Town Council of the Town of Bloomfield, in the County of Essex and State of New Jersey, that it is in the interest of said town to have a concrete sidewalk and gutter be constructed on both sides of Grace street, between Delaware avenue and hereinafter more particularly described;

Beginning in Grace street at the northerly curb line of Delaware avenue, thence running along Grace street in a southeasterly direction seven hundred and fifty (750) feet, more or less, to the northerly curb line of Delaware avenue and ending there;

The above described combination concrete curb and gutter to be constructed on both sides of Grace street;

Notice is hereby given that objections in writing to the above resolutions or to the said proposed improvement shall be filed with the Town Clerk on or before Monday, June 3, 1912, on which date the Town Council of the Town of Bloomfield will meet at 8 o'clock P. M. in the Council Chamber, National Bank Building, Bloomfield, Essex County, New Jersey, to consider any such objections that may be filed as aforesaid.

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Whereas it is in the interest of the Town of Bloomfield, in the County of Essex and State of New Jersey, that a concrete sidewalk and gutter be constructed in Washington street, between Franklin street and Thomas street, hereinafter more particularly described;

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Town Council of the Town of Bloomfield, in the County of Essex and State of New Jersey, that it is in the interest of said town to have a concrete sidewalk and gutter be constructed in Washington street, between Franklin street and Thomas street, in the said Town of Bloomfield;

Beginning in Washington street at the westerly curb line of Franklin street, thence running along Washington street in a westerly direction two hundred and thirty (230) feet, more or less, to the easterly curb line of Thomas street and ending there;

The above described pavement to be the entire width of the roadway, or from curb to curb, and to be laid on a 4-inch concrete base. Notice is hereby given that objections in writing to the above resolution or to the said proposed improvement shall be filed with the Town Clerk on or before Monday, June 3, 1912, on which date the Town Council of the Town of Bloomfield will meet at 8 o'clock P. M. in the Council Chamber, National Bank Building, Bloomfield, Essex County, New Jersey, to consider any such objections that may be filed as aforesaid.

By order of the Town Council.

RAYMOND F. DAVIS, Town Clerk. 5-15-12 6-1

SEALED PROPOSALS.

SEALED PROPOSALS will be received by the Board of Education of the Town of Bloomfield, N. J., for the purchase of eleven hundred (1100) tons of fuel oil or less of No. 1 grade or Seranton coal; about nine hundred (900) tons to be delivered at once, the balance at the convenience of the Board. Bids to be in the name of the bidder, and to be opened at a public hearing of the Board on Monday evening, June 3, 1912, at 8 o'clock. The right is reserved to reject any or all bids.

VIM A. BALDWIN, Committee on Supplies.

ORDINANCE.

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A CONCRETE SIDEWALK ON BOTH SIDES OF HINRICHS PLACE, IN THE TOWN OF BLOOMFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

WHEREAS, at a regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Bloomfield, in the County of Essex and State of New Jersey, held on the evening of the 18th day of March, 1912, a resolution was adopted by the unanimous vote of the said Town Council to initiate proceedings for the construction of a concrete sidewalk along both sides of that portion of Hinrichs place hereinafter more particularly described;

WHEREAS, the Town Clerk has filed in his office affidavits showing that the said resolution, together with a notice signed by the said Town Clerk, stating that objections in writing to the said proposed improvement could be filed with him and designating the time and place to consider such objections, has been duly advertised, posted and served according to law, and no objections having been made thereto;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Town Council of the Town of Bloomfield, in the County of Essex and State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. That a concrete sidewalk be constructed in the said Town of Bloomfield, beginning at the southerly curb line of Myrtle street, thence in a southeasterly direction through Hinrichs place seven hundred and thirty (730) feet, more or less, to the northerly curb line of Dodd street and ending there;

Section 2. That all of the expense and cost of the aforesaid improvement shall be assessed and paid as directed by law.

Section 3. That the said improvement shall be made under the direction of the sidewalk committee of the said Town Council.

Section 4. That all ordinances and parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance be and the same hereby are repealed.

Ordinance adopted May 20, 1912.

WILLIAM HAUSER, Mayor of the Town of Bloomfield.

Attest: RAYMOND F. DAVIS, Town Clerk. 5-25-12 6-1

ORDINANCE.

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A CONCRETE SIDEWALK ON BOTH SIDES OF PROSPECT STREET, IN THE TOWN OF BLOOMFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

WHEREAS, at a regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Bloomfield, in the County of Essex and State of New Jersey, held on the evening of the 18th day of March, 1912, a resolution was adopted by the unanimous vote of the said Town Council to initiate proceedings for the construction of a concrete sidewalk along both sides of that portion of Prospect street hereinafter more particularly described;

WHEREAS, the Town Clerk has filed in his office affidavits showing that the said resolution, together with a notice signed by the said Town Clerk, stating that objections in writing to the said proposed improvement could be filed with him and designating the time and place to consider such objections, has been duly advertised, posted and served according to law, and no objections having been made thereto;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Town Council of the Town of Bloomfield, in the County of Essex and State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. That a concrete sidewalk be constructed in the said Town of Bloomfield, beginning at the southerly curb line of Carter street, thence running along Prospect street in a southeasterly direction four hundred and thirty (430) feet, more or less, to the northerly curb line of Willow street and ending there;

The above described concrete sidewalk to be four (4) feet in width, and constructed on a 4-inch concrete base;

Section 2. That all of the expense and cost of the aforesaid improvement shall be assessed and paid as directed by law.

Section 3. That the said improvement shall be made under the direction of the sidewalk committee of the said Town Council.

Section 4. That all ordinances and parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance be and the same hereby are repealed.

Ordinance adopted May 20, 1912.

WILLIAM HAUSER, Mayor of the Town of Bloomfield.

Attest: RAYMOND F. DAVIS, Town Clerk. 5-25-12 6-1

ORDINANCE.

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A CONCRETE SIDEWALK ON BOTH SIDES OF CEDAR STREET, IN THE TOWN OF BLOOMFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

WHEREAS, at a regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Bloomfield, in the County of Essex and State of New Jersey, held on the evening of the 18th day of March, 1912, a resolution was adopted by the unanimous vote of the said Town Council to initiate proceedings for the construction of a concrete sidewalk along both sides of that portion of Cedar street, hereinafter more particularly described;

WHEREAS, the Town Clerk has filed in his office affidavits showing that the said resolution, together with a notice signed by the said Town Clerk, stating that objections in writing to the said proposed improvement could be filed with him and designating the time and place to consider such objections, has been duly advertised, posted and served according to law, and no objections having been made thereto;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Town Council of the Town of Bloomfield, in the County of Essex and State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. That a concrete sidewalk be constructed in the said Town of Bloomfield, beginning at the southerly curb line of Weaver avenue in said Town of Bloomfield; thence in a southeasterly direction three hundred and sixty-five (365) feet, more or less, to the easterly curb line of Berkeley avenue and ending there;

Section 2. That all of the expense and cost of the aforesaid improvement shall be assessed and paid as directed by law.

Section 3. That the said improvement shall be made under the direction of the sidewalk committee of the said Town Council.

Section 4. That all ordinances and parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance be and the same hereby are repealed.

Ordinance adopted May 20, 1912.

WILLIAM HAUSER, Mayor of the Town of Bloomfield.

Attest: RAYMOND F. DAVIS, Town Clerk. 5-25-12 6-1

ORDINANCE.

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A CONCRETE SIDEWALK ON BOTH SIDES OF A CERTAIN PORTION OF CEDAR STREET, IN THE TOWN OF BLOOMFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

WHEREAS, at a regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Bloomfield, in the County of Essex and State of New Jersey, held on the evening of the 18th day of March, 1912, a resolution was adopted by the unanimous vote of the said Town Council to initiate proceedings for the construction of a concrete sidewalk along both sides of that portion of Cedar street, hereinafter more particularly described;

WHEREAS, the Town Clerk has filed in his office affidavits showing that the said resolution, together with a notice signed by the said Town Clerk, stating that objections in writing to the said proposed improvement could be filed with him and designating the time and place to consider such objections, has been duly advertised, posted and served according to law, and no objections having been made thereto;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Town Council of the Town of Bloomfield, in the County of Essex and State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. That a concrete sidewalk be constructed in the said Town of Bloomfield, beginning at the southerly curb line of Weaver avenue in said Town of Bloomfield; thence in a southeasterly direction three hundred and thirty (330) feet, more or less, to the easterly curb line of Cedar street and ending there;

Said concrete sidewalk to be constructed on both sides of Cedar street;

Section 2. That all of the expense and cost of the aforesaid improvement shall be assessed and paid as directed by law.

Section 3. That the said improvement shall be made under the direction of the sidewalk committee of the said Town Council.

Section 4. That all ordinances and parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance be and the same hereby are repealed.

Ordinance adopted May 20, 1912.

WILLIAM HAUSER, Mayor of the Town of Bloomfield.

Attest: RAYMOND F. DAVIS, Town Clerk. 5-25-12 6-1

Bloomfield's Centennial.

If you want a good flag at a good price now is a good time. We submit the following offer:

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ORDINANCE.

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE GRADING OF A CERTAIN PORTION OF PROSPECT STREET, IN THE TOWN OF BLOOMFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

WHEREAS, at a regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Bloomfield, in the County of Essex and State of New Jersey, held on the evening of the 18th day of March, 1912, a resolution was adopted by the unanimous vote of the said Town Council to initiate proceedings for the grading of that portion of Lake street between Crown street and Roosevelt avenue, hereinafter more particularly described;

WHEREAS, the Town Clerk has filed in his office affidavits showing that the said resolution, together with a notice signed by the said Town Clerk, stating that objections in writing to the said proposed improvement could be filed with him and designating the time and place to consider such objections, has been duly advertised, posted and served according to law, and no objections having been made thereto;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Town Council of the Town of Bloomfield, in the County of Essex and State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. That a certain portion of Lake street, in the said Town of Bloomfield, be graded, beginning in Lake street at the northerly curb line of Crown street, thence running along Lake street in a northerly direction three hundred (300) feet, more or less, to the southerly curb line of Roosevelt avenue and ending there;

The said Lake street shall be graded for its entire width, and the said improvement shall be made under the direction of the sidewalk committee of the said Town Council.

Section 2. That all of the expense and cost of the aforesaid improvement shall be assessed and paid as directed by law.

Section 3. That the said improvement shall be made